

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 7, 2005  
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale, Vice Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	* Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Stephanie Prybyl for Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Prisila Ferreira for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River
Mark Pentz, Chandler	Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Neal Shearer for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	Jeff Kulaga for Will Manley, Tempe
+ Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Ralph Velez, Tolleson
* Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Shane Dille, Wickenburg
George Pettit, Gilbert	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
	David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

- \* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Hutchinson at 12:09 p.m. Chair Hutchinson stated that people come to MAG to solve problems, but ours are nothing compared to those in the Gulf Coast area. He asked that the victims of the hurricane be kept in our thoughts.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Hutchinson announced that George Hoffman and Tim Pickering were attending via teleconference and Lynn Farmer was attending via videoconference. He introduced Alfonso Rodriguez, the new Community and Economic Development Director for Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, who will be attending some of the Management Committee meetings. Chair Hutchinson stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who

parked in the parking garage. Chair Hutchinson stated that material for agenda item #6 was at each place.

Chair Hutchinson stated that David Smith had attended a briefing the hurricane situation and asked Mr. Smith to provide an update. Mr. Smith stated that the Governor's staff, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, State agencies, and the Red Cross attended the briefing. He noted that currently, there are about 500 evacuees in the Phoenix area, and the State has indicated it is able to accept 1,000. Mr. Smith stated that the Governor's office has daily communications. He advised that Texas and Arkansas are in extreme difficulties and the State might get some of their refugees. He added that additional facilities in the State are also housing evacuees. Mr. Smith commented that the State's response has been very smooth and the evacuees are being transitioned into housing and services. Mr. Smith stated that it is expected that the Coliseum should be available by the end of September in time for the State Fair. He advised that it is important that all evacuees register with FEMA in order to receive services. Mr. Smith also noted that HUD has lifted the 15 percent restriction on HUD funds. The County is looking at freeing up \$450,000.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Hutchinson stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Hutchinson noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Chair Hutchinson stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards were available from the staff.

Chair Hutchinson recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who expressed thanks for the transit tickets and said that the transit system works. Ms. Barker stated that she was impressed with a judge who fined people for parking on dirt lots. She said that those being fined were unhappy with the \$100 fine, so the judge explained the ordinance. Ms. Barker commented on the Queen Creek growth issue that was discussed last month. She suggested looking at multimodal options, including rail on Rittenhouse Road. Ms. Barker noted upcoming MAG committee meetings. She also noted that Valley Metro buses had been used to transport the evacuees from Sky Harbor Airport to the Coliseum, and remarked that school buses could be also used in an evacuation. Ms. Barker stated that she had participated in a triage for incoming victims, but she would like to see the plan for taking our people out. Chair Hutchinson thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Hutchinson recognized public comment from William 'Blue' Crowley, who said that the State is calling for a decrease in the monthly tax that funds 9-1-1 systems throughout the State. Mr. Crowley noted that this will result in a deficit. He commented that we need to invest even more, not less. He commented on the County requiring that dust control inspectors have a degree. He asked how hard is it? Dust in, dust out. Mr. Crowley stated that the transit system has 6,914 bus stops, of which only 1,800 are sheltered. He said that more than \$15 million have been spent on passenger facilities, including covering parking spaces, but no bathrooms. He

stated that Central Station is being upgraded, but the bathroom closes at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Crowley remarked that 32 people died recently from the heat. If there had been shower facilities, some might have been able to get their core temperatures down. Mr. Crowley stated that there are beds in shelters for 8,000 homeless people, however, MAG says there are only 7,000 homeless. He said when he asked about being counted because he is homeless but is currently apartment-sitting, he was told to go lay in the street so he would be counted. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith reported that Reauthorization of the transportation funding bill, SAFETEA-LU, recently passed. He noted that this will provide a 40.66 percent increase in funding to Arizona. Mr. Smith mentioned that staff will be attending a meeting on this next week with ADOT.

Mr. Smith stated that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have approved the finding of conformity for the Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update.

Mr. Smith announced that the Arizona Planning Association has awarded its State Planning Award to MAG for the MAG Regional Report.

Mr. Smith stated that no-cost registrations for the National Safe Routes to School Course, cosponsored by MAG, City of Phoenix and City of Peoria, are due today.

Mr. Smith stated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year, MAG's Regional Domestic Violence Council will hold a press conference at the City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center at 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2005 to kick off the month's activities and to highlight the work of the Council over the past year. Mr. Smith added that in conjunction with the month's activities will be a no-cost training event by the MAG Employers Against Domestic Violence partnering with American Express. He said that information on the event was at each place.

Mr. Smith introduced new MAG staff who have been hired to fill staff vacancies. Bob Hazlett is the Senior Engineer in the Transportation Division. Jennifer Urrea is the Human Resources Program Manager. Veronica Martinez is the Senior Accountant in the Fiscal Services Division. Amanda Tovey is the Decision Support Analyst in the Information Services Division. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Smith for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Hutchinson stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chair Hutchinson stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, and #5C were on the consent agenda.

Chair Hutchinson recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who commented on proposed decreases in the 9-1-1 tax would not be a good thing considering what happened in New York and Louisiana. Mr. Crowley stated that the system needs to be expanded to include 4-1-1 and

2-1-1. He stated that there should be reverse 9-1-1 throughout the system. Mr. Crowley expressed that there needs to be a plan in place for catastrophic events, such as failure of Roosevelt Dam, which would wipe out the area. Mr. Crowley said that the 9-1-1 budget needs to be increased, not decreased. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chair Hutchinson asked members if there was discussion on any of the consent agenda items. Hearing none, he called for a motion. Mr. Rumpeltes moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5A, #5B, and #5C. Mr. Crossman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of July 13, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the July 13, 2005 meeting minutes.

5B. Requested Schedule Change for the Red Mountain Freeway, Power to University

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the revised schedule for the completion of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive to July 2008. ADOT and the City of Mesa have determined that the section of the Red Mountain Freeway from Power Road to University Drive will take about 30 months to construct compared to the original schedule of 24 months. This longer construction schedule results in completion of this section in mid-2008 rather than December 2007, therefore, it constitutes a material change requiring MAG concurrence. The longer construction schedule is due to the need to stop construction activities at 10:00 p.m. so that the neighborhoods are not impacted during the late night hours. This revised construction schedule will result in about eight hours of quiet time for the neighborhoods. Mesa strongly supports the schedule change. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the revised schedule.

5C. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG FY 2007 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2007-2011 Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration. Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers and the 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval of the 9-1-1 budget request.

6. Update on Critical Issues with the Maricopa County Air Programs

Lindy Bauer provided an update on the Maricopa County Air Quality Department programs. She said that she would first provide an overview and then a detailed update on two critical air quality issues. Ms. Bauer noted the numerous accomplishments of the Air Quality Department since its creation November 17, 2004, a summary of the accomplishments was at each place.

Ms. Bauer then addressed critical issue #1, the EPA Notice of Deficiency for the Maricopa County Title V Air Permit Program for Industry. She advised that this could jeopardize the MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Bauer stated that the County has submitted a formal response to EPA on its corrective action to fix all deficiencies filed by the August 18, 2005 deadline. She stated that EPA reports that significant progress has been made and the threat of sanctions, including loss of federal highway funds, is no longer looming.

Ms. Bauer then addressed critical issue #2, the enforcement of the Maricopa County Dust Control Rules for PM-10 particulate pollution. She indicated this will require additional work. Ms. Bauer stated that in June 2004, EPA requested that Maricopa County hire 25-30 dust inspectors to enforce the Fugitive Dust Control Rules. She advised that failure to enforce dust rules could jeopardize attainment and lead to a requirement for a five percent reduction in emissions per year. Ms. Bauer added that it would be very difficult for our region to accomplish as we already have some of the most stringent measures in the country.

Ms. Bauer noted that this is a critical time period for PM-10 and we need clean data for 2004, 2005, and 2006. She said that the five percent plan would be due December 31, 2007 if standards are not met. Ms. Bauer stated that during 2004, the Higley monitor exceeded the 24-hour standard and the Durango and West 43rd Avenue monitors exceeded the annual standard. In 2005, the West 43rd Avenue and the Buckeye monitors exceeded the 24-hour standard; however, these are under investigation because they may have resulted from natural events. Ms. Bauer explained that we still have a chance because the numbers are averaged, but we need to get the numbers down at the monitors.

Ms. Bauer proceeded on to the dust control efforts being made by the Air Quality Department. She said that the County has converted temporary positions to permanent, advertised for vacant positions, compiled a list of qualified candidates, cross-trained other positions to conduct dust control inspections, conducted training courses for the regulated community, and entered into enforcement settlements. However, despite these efforts, there are several vacancies. Ms. Bauer then showed a graph of 40 total positions, of which are 24 vacant positions, mostly dust inspectors. She stated that MAG staff also forwarded the job advertisements to member agencies and they assisted with the posting of the announcements.

Ms. Bauer stated that the situation of unfilled positions seems to exist because industry pays significantly higher salaries. In addition, she showed the results of a comparison between the salary offered for a County dust control inspector and a local government building inspector. The local average minimum is 25 percent higher than the County minimum. Ms. Bauer added that the dust control inspector positions require an engineering, science, or environmental degree, whereas, the local governments require certification for their building inspectors. Ms. Bauer stated that a comparison was also done using a local government entry-level position that requires a degree, a Planner I. She noted that this comparison also showed that the local government average minimum is 25 percent higher than the County minimum.

Ms. Bauer stated that the MAG Regional Council recently requested that the EPA address MAG committees on these issues. She stated that in July 2004, Colleen McKaughan, EPA Region IX, gave a report to the MAG Management Committee, Executive Committee, and Regional Council on the PM-10 issues facing the region, including the need for strengthened enforcement

of the Maricopa County Dust Control Rules. At that time, EPA advised that 25 to 30 additional County inspectors were essential to handle the growth in dust control permits. Ms. Bauer stated that EPA reported witnessing noncompliance throughout the region. She said that the EPA warned us at that time not to be surprised if a five percent reduction plan would be required for continued violations.

Bob Kard, Director of the Air Quality Department, expressed his appreciation for Ms. Bauer's presentation. He said that his department continues to work hard on resolving the air quality issues. Mr. Kard stated that he had not verified the salary comparison numbers presented by Ms. Bauer, but has requested that a salary survey be conducted. He said he was unsure if raises warranted by a salary survey would be effective against industry. Mr. Kard noted that the Air Quality Department has recently made five job offers.

Chair Hutchinson asked when the salary survey would be done. Mr. Kard replied that it depended on the Office of Management and Budget, but he hoped that it would be completed by June 2006 and then they could make recommendations. Chair Hutchinson asked Mr. Kard to clarify that he meant June 2006. Mr. Kard replied that was correct. David Smith indicated that the salary survey could be conducted sooner than June 2006.

Ms. Bauer introduced Colleen McKaughan, who expressed that EPA is pleased with the direction being taken by Maricopa County. She reported that the Air Quality Department is making the changes recommended by EPA in 1989 and 1992. Ms. McKaughan acknowledged that the region not only has to deal with problems of today, but also the new challenges brought by growth. She indicated that EPA will work with the County and the State to deal with issues. Ms. McKaughan stated that EPA issued its report May 18, 2005, and the County responded to issues brought up in the program evaluation. She said they dealt with Title V right away and are now working on hiring inspectors. Ms. McKaughan expressed her confidence that the department will be successful. She advised that the inspectors need to be educated and be able to understand technology, not just dust in, dust out. Ms. McKaughan urged member agencies to report companies violating rules. She mentioned that they know the rules, but they do not follow them. Ms. McKaughan indicated that a plan is being carried that is confidential at this time, but will be reported in the newspapers. Ms. McKaughan stated that EPA's goal is to ensure that residents in the region breathe easier. Chair Hutchinson thanked the presenters for their reports.

Mr. Pentz commented that perhaps he missed hearing it in the presentation, but he did not perceive an urgency on the County's part to fill the vacant positions. David Smith replied that there are vacancies, but there are actually more people performing the inspector functions because of cross-training. He stated that a certain talent is needed to perform the job duties, and the department continues to have turnover. Mr. Smith stated that wages are paid out of the general fund, thus, the County is limited on what they can pay. He remarked that despite numerous challenges, both he and the Board are focused on this and they will be hired.

7. Update on the Regional Workforce Housing Task Force

Gregg Holmes, Chair of the Regional Workforce Housing Task Force, reported on activities of the Task Force since he last gave a report in Fall 2004. At that time, the Task Force secured approval to obtain housing related data from MAG and to have MAG committees provide input

to the project. Since that time, MAG has supplied the Task Force with data and they have prepared an action plan to increase the supply of workforce housing in the MAG Region. Mr. Holmes stated that the vision of the Task Force is that within 15 years, sufficient and affordable workforce housing will be available throughout the Valley to the population of people currently making \$20,000 - \$42,000 per year, thus providing them the opportunity to live and work in the same community. He said that many of the people in this income category are those we depend on--teachers, firefighters, nurses, and lab technicians. Mr. Holmes stated that Arizona has one of the lowest levels of homeownership in the country, with a rank of 40 in the nation. He said that according to the Arizona Census, over the past 30 years, the percent of the population able to purchase the median-priced home has declined by almost 30 percent. He explained an analysis of cost-burdened renters, those who pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Mr. Holmes noted that home prices and some rents have exceeded our target population's ability to afford them.

Mr. Holmes stated that the target price of affordable homes for the target population is \$125,000 to \$150,000. With the average price of a single family home currently at \$203,000, home ownership is becoming unattainable for area residents.

Mr. Holmes stated that local General Plan policies and local development and zoning practices inhibit workforce housing production and economic development efforts, and current funding is inadequate. He stated that sustainability and efficient use of new and existing funding sources combined with land use policies linked to workforce housing production are necessary to solve this problem.

Mr. Holmes stated that education is necessary to grow high-wage jobs. Each high-wage job in turn generates two to six low/moderate income jobs. He said that the reason that USAA located here was the competitive cost of living. The likelihood that an organization such as USAA would locate here decreases with the increase in the cost of living. Mr. Holmes noted that Arizona's cost of living is likely to exceed the national average due to home prices. He stated that increasing the average density by 25 percent would result in creating 428,215 additional units at build-out. If 15 percent of these were workforce housing units 44 percent of the problem could be solved. Mr. Holmes presented examples of new mixed income housing, and rehabilitation, infill, single family and rental projects.

Mr. Holmes stated that a solution could be developed by providing incentives to offset the cost of providing workforce housing throughout the region or ensuring approval of workforce housing projects at least at the high end of the density range; revising the housing element to provide a more effective framework to assess workforce housing needs by community and establish internal goals to address them; linking workforce housing projects to the light rail corridor; streamlining the processing of all workforce housing development applications; establishing a process to improve the capacity and capability of planning staffs Valleywide; establishing a land banking process or regional land trust that links to the production of workforce housing; pursuing new and more efficient use of existing revenue sources; and changing the public opinion by leaders' attitudes.

Mr. Holmes stated that with the involvement of stakeholders, the development of the recommendations is anticipated August to October 2005; the development of the implementation

process is anticipated in November to December 2005; and implementation of the initial policy and revenue components is anticipated in January 2006 to December 2007. He stated that stakeholders can help by advocating for action to be taken and actively participating in the process in order to support the ideas and efforts of the Task Force.

Mr. Holmes stated that by inaction, we could lose the opportunity to stimulate significant consumer spending, projected at more than \$350 million annually; weaken our ability to grow high wage jobs; decrease in adequate and quality healthcare forcing an increase in government subsidies; lose the opportunity to stabilize families and strengthen neighborhoods; lessen our ability to properly educate our students and develop a high quality workforce due to increased mobility; disrupt the quality of life, stability and productivity for the target population, who will experience excessive commutes chasing affordability. Mr. Holmes stated that we need to work collaboratively and he asked for the support and involvement of member agencies. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Holmes for his presentation and asked the Committee if there were questions.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he had received a briefing on this last week. He commented that the meanings of affordable and workforce housing have become blurred. Mr. Cleveland noted that a researcher at TGEN needs staff, estimated at two to six lab technicians, to be successful. Mr. Holmes stated that workforce housing is a magnet to draw high wage companies to the area. He indicated that he was worried about the ability to provide the infrastructure to meet the demand. Mr. Cleveland asked Mr. Holmes if his presentation could be provided to communities. Mr. Holmes replied that he would appreciate the opportunity to present the information.

Mr. Pettit asked if the analysis found that private investor capital had driven up the price of owner-occupied housing and drives the market more than government incentives could control. Mr. Holmes replied that when they looked at the issue, they looked at densities in general plans that were zoned at lower densities. He said that their concern was they did not want to create a situation that would artificially drive land costs higher. Mr. Holmes stated that they came up with ideas on incentives to for-profit and non-profit builders to bring prices to a more affordable level. He stated that the key is sustaining that. Mr. Holmes stated that they would like to have more public sector representatives at the table so issues such as land banking land trust can be worked through. When the opportunity for workforce housing comes about, they can trigger the use of that without having the price of land inflate. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Holmes for attending the meeting and providing a report.

9. Preparations for Conducting the 2005 Census Survey

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Heidi Pahl updated the Committee on the 2005 Census Survey. She said that the Survey was mailed out August 30, with a Survey reference date of September 1. Ms. Pahl stated that a media press conference to promote the Survey was held August 9, 2005. She then reviewed the media buy plan for radio, TV and print ads that was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Pahl stated that the Survey is also being advertised with banners along Central Avenue and on garbage trucks, and through utility bill inserts, faith based announcements and door hangers. Two of the 22 taped public service announcements, featuring Hugh Downs and Leslie Nielsen, were played.



Ms. Pahl then reviewed the timeline for the remaining Census Survey tasks. She mentioned that the Director of the Census Bureau will visit on September 16. She noted that the final results from the Survey are anticipated in June 2006. Ms. Pahl noted that Dawn Nelson and Michael Stump from the Census Bureau were in attendance at the meeting.

Michael Stump stated that the outdoor locations count at 410 locations would be conducted midnight to dawn September 8. He said that the enumerators are currently in a training class.

Dennis Smith stated that Prisila Ferriera was the Special Census Coordinator in 1985. He said that during the Special Censuses in 1985 and 1995, MAG experienced a great relationship with the Census Bureau. Mr. Smith stated that FHWA has indicated that if the publicity cost is approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000 and the Survey costs less than \$7.5 million, some of the publicity costs may be shared. Mr. Smith encouraged working with the Census Bureau and keeping the costs down.

Mr. Dille asked about providing the videos to member agency Channel 11s. Ms. Pahl replied that she would provide a tape of the PSAs to Wickenburg.

Mr. Pettit, Chair of the Census Survey Subcommittee, acknowledged the partnership between the communities and the Census Bureau. He said that they have been working on the effort for two years. He acknowledged the leadership of the City of Phoenix. Mr. Pettit noted that the \$250,000 from the City of Phoenix helped out everyone. Their outreach to all communities and making resources available demonstrates active leadership. Mr. Pettit thanked Frank Fairbanks and Norris Nordvold. He stated that the obligation of cities is to create savings by promoting the Survey and get a return above 50 percent so there will be no additional costs for people to go out in the field.

Mr. Cleveland asked if a recommendation was needed on the media costs. Mr. Pettit replied that a recommendation was not needed at this time.

Chair Hutchinson recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who once again mentioned that he was told to lay in the street if he wanted to be counted. He explained that he lived in his car, but was currently apartment-sitting and was concerned he would not be counted. Mr. Crowley asked if the outdoor locations count would include those living in cars. Mr. Crowley stated that there are beds in shelters for 8,000 homeless people, however, MAG says there are only 7,000 homeless. He asked that if you have 8,000 beds, why are there still people on the streets? Mr. Crowley commented that the mentally ill were put out on the streets in the 1980s and they are hiding. He asked what is being done in regard to Value Options? Mr. Crowley stated that the greatest percentage of homeless people are veterans and the mentally ill, even though many think people are homeless by choice. He said that workforce housing needs to be provided as a safety net so people will not become homeless. Mr. Crowley stated that he had not been counted in 25 years. He wanted to know what was being done to count the mentally ill. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

8. Update on the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group

Tom Remes updated the Committee on recent activities of the MAG County Library District Stakeholders Group. He stated that tremendous progress has been made in regard to the

Stakeholders' recommendations. Mr. Remes expressed his appreciation to Maricopa County's Board of Supervisors, Administration, and Library District staff for moving forward on the recommendations. He stated that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Maricopa County Library District Board, kept the FY 2005-06 Library District Secondary Tax Rate at \$0.0521. They also approved purchasing a core set of electronic databases that would be available to all libraries, and increasing the reciprocal borrowing rate to \$29.

Mr. Remes stated that at the August 23rd meeting, Stakeholders were informed that Library District staff had been approached by the University of Arizona Medical Center with a request for the District to purchase medical databases. He said that District staff requested assistance from the Stakeholders in reviewing the applicability of use of the medical databases by all libraries in the County. Mr. Remes introduced Harry Courtright, Director of the Maricopa County Library District. He remarked that Mr. Courtright had done a wonderful job to move the recommendations forward.

Mr. Courtright stated that approval by the Board of Supervisors to leave the rate at \$0.0521 allows the District to undertake these programs. He mentioned that there was a plan in place for the past year to purchase the databases. Mr. Courtright stated that the District will use the list that was developed by the Stakeholders for the purchase of databases, which will be in the amount of \$600,000 to \$700,000. He remarked that he hoped the District would be able to add more to the list—up to more than \$1 million. Mr. Courtright stated that the purchase by the District will free up money in member agency libraries.

Mr. Courtright stated that the reciprocal borrowing agreement rate was established more than a decade ago at \$20. He stated that the rate will increase to \$29, which will be phased in over a two-year period. During those two years, the Stakeholders will be working on developing a formula to more accurately reflect actual costs. Mr. Courtright explained that the District reimburses municipal libraries for usage by nonresidents. The District reimburses a library the same rate for a user that checks out one book per year as for a user that checks out 10 books per week. He said that one option would be to have a rate based on usage.

Mr. Courtright stated that the databases requested by the University of Arizona will be reviewed by the Stakeholders to evaluate their usefulness to the general public. He noted that the cost is projected at \$800,000. Mr. Courtright stated that the District is examining other ways to provide electronic services paid for by the District. Chair Hutchinson thanked Mr. Courtright for his leadership during the process.

#### 10. Building Lease Working Group Update

Denise McClafferty stated that on July 27, 2005, the Regional Council authorized MAG to proceed with advertising a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural and engineering services. Ms. McClafferty stated that it has been requested that the site be easily accessible and not in a congested area. She stated that Supervisor Don Stapley had requested that the County superblock be examined as a possible site.

Ms. McClafferty stated that the RFQ was advertised on August 1, 2005 and 16 Statements of Qualifications were received in response. A seven-member evaluation team met on August 31st to review the RFQs, and recommended to the Building Lease Working Group four consultant

firms for the shortlist. Ms. McClafferty stated that the firms of Jones Studio, Dick & Fritsche Design Group, SmithGroup, and Langdon Wilson will be interviewed September 8. She indicated that the Building Lease Working Group will meet on September 9 followed by the Executive Committee on September 12. It is anticipated that on September 28, the MAG Regional Council will authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with a consultant, not to exceed \$100,000 and to amend the Work Program. Chair Hutchinson thanked Ms. McClafferty for her report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity is provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. No comments from the Committee were noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary